AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of secure distribution of vendor's upgrades and vendor's software patch or vendor's software patches to client's systems~~,~~ ;wherein the method utilizes such thing as vendors, vendor's ftp sites, system software, files, permissions referenced in the files, ownership of files referenced in the vendors' software patch, needed vendor's software patches, not needed vendor's software patches, directories, operating system type, operating system version, operating system architecture, memory, disk space, other layered products, other patches, and other software upgrades; comprising the steps of:

determining which of ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches should be applied to ~~said~~ the client's systems,

collecting ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches from ~~said~~ the vendors by downloading them from ~~said~~ the vendor's ftp sites,

interpreting which of the files will be affected by ~~the~~ installation of ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches,

interpreting which of the directories will be affected by the installation of ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches,

interpreting the operating system type, version and architecture ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches apply to,

interpreting dependencies on the other layered products,

determining which of the vendor's upgrades and the vendor's software patches have been applied to the client's systems,

determining which ~~said software~~ of the vendor's upgrades and the vendor's software patches should be or should have been applied to ~~said~~ the clients systems,

collection of ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches and the vendor's upgrades from ~~said vendor's~~ the vendors and downloading ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches and the vendor's upgrades to the client systems,

interpreting the operating system type,

interpreting the operating system version,

interpreting the operating system architecture the vendor's software patch applies to,

determining how much of the memory is needed to install ~~said~~ the vendor's software patch and the vendor's upgrades,

interpreting how much of the memory and of the disk space is needed to install ~~software~~ the vendor's upgrades and installing ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches,

determining how dependencies on the other layered products affect the installation of ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches and the vendor's upgrades,

determining how dependencies on the other patches, or the other software upgrades affect the installation of ~~a~~ the software patch,

determining how dependencies on the other software upgrades affect the installation of ~~a~~ the vendor's software patch,

determining which of the files will be affected by the installation of ~~a~~ the vendor's software patch,

determining which of the directories will be affected by the installation of ~~a~~ the vendor's software patch,

backing-out ~~said~~ the vendor's software patches that have been applied to ~~said~~ the client's systems,

checking the permissions and the ownership of the files referenced in the vendors' software patch and ensuring that the system software is authentic,

determining which of the vendor's software patches should be installed by determining the needed vendor's software patches and the not needed vendor's software patches,

distributing ~~said~~ the needed the vendor's software patches to ~~said~~ the client's systems, and

installing ~~said~~ the needed vendor's software patches.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)